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THREE thousand subscribers for the year 1896.

IF we correctly interpret the signs of the times, there is a great revival awaiting our church the coming winter, and not ours only, but the church universal. We expect to prepare an editorial on this subject within the near future, giving a reason for believing as we do.

HUDSON, Iowa, has had a great revival, conducted by brother I. D. Bowman, of Philadelphia, Pa. Thirty-six members have been added to the church. Brother J. L. Gillin, the pastor, will now find himself busier than ever, for we know what it is to keep at work and properly develop so many new members. We wish to state here that such an ingathering speaks as well for the pastor in charge as for the evangelist who gathered the harvest. The fact that such an ingathering is possible, is in itself evidence that the pastor has been faithful in the discharge of his duties, sowing the good seed, preparing the hearts of the people for a glorious harvest. To the members of Hudson congregation, permit us say, stand nobly by your pastor, unite your hearts, voices and hands in keeping the newly added members faithful in the service, and give God all the glory for the victory you have gained.

THE King's Children Society of Fair Haven joined in a union service with the K. C. of Ashland, at the latter place, October 27. The program was well rendered, and a pleasant as well as profitable evening was spent together.

ON last Saturday *Our Little Folks* for the month of November were mailed. This week all the numbers of *Cheering Words* for November, together with *King's Children* for the same month are mailed. The November papers, therefore are disposed of, and we trust all our patrons will receive them promptly.

THE Editor of the *Religious Telescope* speaks plain words to the members of that denomination, and we do not know but that the words apply equally to the members of the Brethren church. Hear what he says:—"It is plainly the duty of every United Brethren to know the business of his denomination. To know this he must take his denominational paper. There is no other certain way of learning what the business of the denomination is. It is a duty likewise to know the denominational purpose. Why does the denomination have in hand its present business? These are questions with which every member of the church should be familiar."

IF you have received a bill from this office for the fourth quarter's S. S. supplies, please remit to us at once, and save us the time and expense of sending another statement. In justice to our schools, we must say—and we gladly say it—they have done nobly. Almost two-thirds of our orders were accompanied by the cash. This we consider very good, and thank our schools for the very liberal support given. We cannot but speak in the highest praise of our schools for the way in which they have patronized us. We trust our literature may continue to prove worthy of so liberal a patronage. Those who have not yet remitted to us for this quarter, will greatly favor us by a prompt remittance.

IT may seem somewhat early to make the announcement, but we wish to say that for the first quarter of the year 1896, our Sunday-school literature will be about the same as at present, there being no change contemplated. Beginning with the second quarter, however, April 1, we hope to give our schools a vastly improved literature, for which improvement we are already making preparations. It is our purpose to give our schools a literature as good as the best, and one that teaches the doctrines of the Brethren church.

BROTHER P. H. Beaver, of Montandon, Pa., sends the following item, clipped from the *Philadelphia Times*: "Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 21 (Special.)—The first marriage ceremony in Washington County at which a woman officiated was performed last week near Mapleville, when Miss Laura E. N. Grossnickle, a duly accredited minister of the Progressive German Baptist Brethren church, united James Rush Keadle and Rosie M. Nunemaker." The words "German Baptist," should be dropped in this item; otherwise it is correct, and justly entitles us the appellation "Progressive," especially in Washington Co., Md.

THERE is a tendency among so called religious papers to give entirely too much space to the discussion of secular and worldly topics. Religion and religious topics should have the preponderance of space in the columns of every religious paper. On this subject the *New York Observer* says: "What constitutes a religious newspaper? Out of the thirty-six pages of a recent issue of a well-known religious newspaper only by generous estimate could half a dozen pages be pronounced religious. Ten pages were devoted to a series of articles on the silver question. This was probably an exceptional number, but the religious press is becoming secularized in its trend, and much of its religious reading is exceedingly sectarian. These are facts to be regretted and remedied."